

BOARD ASKS CURB ON BIG BUSINESS

Urges That Price-Fixing Be Made Permanent Policy of Government

FINDS NEW TRUST PERIL

Trade Associations Denounced as Successors to Pools Law Broke Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. Sweeping changes in methods of regulating big business are recommended in the annual report of the Federal Trade Commission, submitted to Congress today.

Primarily, the commission recommends that Congress enact legislation which will place price-fixing on a firm and practically permanent basis, and which will give authority to abrogate contracts made prior to the date of price-fixing, especially as to the steel and coal industries.

The commission recommends the regulation of trade associations, which the body believes are the successors to the old trusts which were broken up by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The commission's report sets forth that, in connection with its investigations into the cost of production of various commodities, it found itself handicapped because of lack of organization in methods of gathering information.

The commission suggests advisability of further investigating foreign trade associations and American individuals and corporations, with a view to presenting a report which would be useful in the newly created foreign commerce of the United States, now existent and to follow the coming of peace.

As to price-fixing, the commission says that this has become "a prime necessity." The experience of England and France has shown the wisdom of wide extension of such a policy, says the report. Price-fixing should be extended to commodities beyond food and fuel, and, in fact, should cover nearly everything.

The commission recommends that if such legislation is provided, provision be made for the abrogation of long-term contracts made prior to the price-fixing legislation, as a continuance of these contracts would be against the success of the whole program.

The commission says that its experience in dealing with unfair competition has revealed that trade associations constitute the connection between corporations in the same line of trade by which abuse of selling methods is made possible. These associations are frequently made the channels for unlawful monopolistic action in various trades and should be suppressed, it is stated. It is recommended that legislation be enacted which would make all records of these associations public.

The commission recommends that Congress give renewed attention to the question of the alleged Standard Oil monopoly in the petroleum industry in the United States. The report states that the commission's investigation into the petroleum industry has revealed a community of interest among the various Standard Oil companies into which the Supreme Court dissolved the old Standard Oil Trust.

SOLDIER'S WEDDING RUSHED

Lieutenant Leaving for France Marries Clergyman's Daughter at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12.—Because he expects to leave for France and the trenches in a very short time, Lieutenant Karl Wilhelm, of Buffalo, "wedded" his young bride, Esther Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bigelow, of that city. They were married by the Rev. R. V. Raymond, of Buffalo, at a Boardwalk hotel in afternoon in the presence of friends from half dozen cities.

ARREST BOY FOR THREAT

Demanding Job Back Unless Coal Company Wanted Breaker Burned

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 12.—Confessing that he sent a letter signed by "A. W. W." to William Edwards, superintendent of the Evans Coal Company, threatening to burn down its breaker at Beaver Meadows, unless he was reinstated to a position which he voluntarily had quit, Peter Schwear, a seventeen-year-old Beaver Meadows boy, was arrested today and held to await action of Federal authorities.

The arrest was made by State Trooper Freeman on payment of Schwear's signature on pay checks to the handwriting of the letter.

Would Remove "Dummy" Depot

The Business and Taxpayers' Association of Frankford last night adopted resolutions calling on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to remove the "dummy" depot at the intersection of Frankford avenue, Oxford pike and Arnot street.

Such writers as Edgar Lee Masters, Owen Wister, Gouverneur Morris, Charles Hanson Towne, George Ade, Julian Street, Gertrude Atherton, these and many more authors, poets, painters, musicians, sculptors and actors have joined together in a magnificent tribute to France. It is a gift book of rare beauty.

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A GREEN TENT IN FLANDERS

WEDNESDAY GARDEN CITY NEW YORK

URGES FACTORY WAGES FOR WORKERS ON FARM

Only Method of Guaranteeing Sufficient Rural Labor, Says State Grange Leader

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 12. The way to keep the boy on the farm is to pay him as much wages as the factories in the city are willing to pay, declared James C. McSparran, of Lancaster, at the convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange, in session here today.

Mr. McSparran's advice followed an address by William T. Creasy, in which he said that two million men have been taken from the farms since the war. Mr. Creasy said women are also deserting the farm, with the result that those who remain are almost compelled to work sixteen hours a day.

A memorial service for Leonard Rhone and Joel A. Herr, who died during the war, was conducted this morning by the chaplain, Rev. G. W. Hatch, of Mahaffey. The State lecturer, Rev. H. G. Teagarden, of Punksawney, reported the outlook promising for doubling the membership of the Pennsylvania Grange the coming year.

SEVEN MORE VICTIMS ON THE JACOB JONES

Four of Crew Not on Destroyer When It Was Torpedoed, Sims Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Vice Admiral Sims cabled the Navy Department the names of seven more men who are missing from the Jacob Jones, destroyed by a U-boat. They were not previously known to have been aboard. The message also named four members of the crew who were not aboard when the ship was lost and five others not listed as missing and who possibly had been transferred to another vessel before the Jones started on her last cruise.

The number of missing enlisted men was given as sixty-five, or approximately the number given in earlier dispatches. The seven added to the known missing are: GEORGE F. H. ROGERS, fireman; father, Michael H. Rogers, 92 Humphrey street, Lowell, Mass.

JAMES CUMMINGS, seaman; mother, Mrs. Nellie Cummings, 2117 Fairmont street, Kansas City, Mo.

WILLIAM T. GIFFORD, fireman; sister, Ethel Gifford, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Dan, Pa.

HENRY J. LA COMBE, fireman; father, Joseph A. La Combe, Hickory, N. Y.

ETIENNE J. MORGAN, yeoman; wife, Washington.

JAMES S. FITZGERALD, gunner's mate; father, P. H. Fitzgerald, 25 West Crescent street, Augusta, Me.

LEON J. WETZEL, seaman; mother, Julia Wetzel, 615 West Fourth street, Winona, Minn.

The four who were not aboard when the destroyer went down were Lillious F. Leveille, gunner's mate; Jeremiah Downing, machinist's mate; Cornelius A. Lane, seaman; and James F. McManus, fireman.

The five men who were on the latest muster roll of the Jacob Jones but not mentioned among the missing are Thomas Emilhusen, gunner's mate; Frederick A. Marshall, seaman; Ralph Hanson Rogers, seaman; Ernest Roscoe Smith, machinist's mate, and Milton Lamar Snyder, gunner's mate.

TO PUSH RED CROSS DRIVE

Mayor Bacharach Will Personally Lead Shore Membership Campaign

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12.—Mayor Harry Bacharach, who also is a bank president and one of the most aggressive "organizers" at the shore, is to personally take charge of Atlantic City's drive for 12,000 members of the Red Cross to be started next Monday.

Mayor Bacharach today requisitioned the four officers of each of the forty-six election districts in the resort to act with more than one hundred policeman and a large force of bankers, doctors and business men in stirring up the town and taking \$1 each from a fifth of the city's population.

High Prices at Pottery Auction

Unusually high prices were brought yesterday at the auction sale of pottery of the collection of the late Dr. Edwin Atlee Barber.

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BRANDEIS IS WILSON'S CHOICE TO RUN ROADS

Thinks Specialized Study Fits Supreme Justice for Big Job

GENERAL PLAN IS READY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. Louis Brandeis, of Boston, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is the Wilson choice for railroad dictator of the United States, President Wilson finally decides that the railroads must be operated under Federal control, Justice Brandeis has expressed disinclination to serve, but is being strongly urged to do so.

It is understood that the President has substituted, but the latter has himself urged upon President Wilson the superior desirability of Justice Brandeis.

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It is known that Justice Brandeis is contented with his position on the Supreme bench and would prefer to remain there, but it is entirely possible that President Wilson will be successful in inducing him to take up the work of directing the American railroads if the plan of the Interstate Commerce Commission finally is approved by the executive and by Congress.

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In deference, however, to the railroad experts who still desire to consult him, including the railroad chiefs who called on him this afternoon, and the members of Congress who are badly divided on the railroad problem, the President is maintaining an "open mind" on what action he will recommend. Generally speaking, he has reached a decision, but it is not an unchangeable one. The very fact that he carefully inspected the revolutionary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which sounded the doom of individual control and operation of railroads, and approved its general statements before it was made public, is proof that the President believes material change in the transportation system must be made.

And even since the report was made public certain developments have made it still more imperative that the railroads be speeded up. The coal shortage, which has interfered with munition-making in certain sections of New England, is attributed directly to failure of the railroads to speed up. Iron and steel supplies for munition plants have been delayed in transit without any very

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good reason, so far as the President's advisory can see. It is believed that the President will begin his proposed address to Congress soon after he finishes the series of conferences which are now in progress. He has been told by the leaders in both houses that they will require only an hour's notice to arrange for a joint session, and it is not likely that there will be any great delay between the announcement that the President is going to Congress and the calling of the joint session to hear him. His railroad plan, officials say, will be guarded as fully as was his recent message outlining the national war aims.

CANADIAN SAMMEES FAVOR CONSCRIPTION

Votes of Dominion Men Serving in U. S. Army Taken at Camps in France

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Writing Public Ledger with the American Army in France

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 12. Two Canadian officers arrived yesterday in the American camp, delegated by the British Government, with the permission of American headquarters, to install voting booths in the American camps and take the votes of Canadian soldiers in the American army, most of them in National Guard regiments, on the question of Canadian conscription. The voting began in several villages last night.

Conversation with these officers, who have talked with a number of Canadian Sammees, indicates that the Canadian contingent in the American army is overwhelmingly in favor of conscription for Canada. The numerical strength of the Canadian Sammees cannot be given, but it is permitted to say that it is fairly important in certain units.

Taken Ill While Speaking While talking before an audience in the New Century Drawing Room yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Hedwig E. Roskow, a New York lecturer, was taken ill and had to be assisted from the hall.

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